

Want More Big Football Games Played in Richmond

SAM LEEVER IS  
PEER OF 'EM ALL

Former Richmond Flinger Sets New Record for All-Time Flinging.

THIRTEEN YEARS  
OF GOOD SERVICE

Indiana Schoolmaster, Discovered by Jake Wells, Sets National League Wild Over His Achievements—Big Factor in Bringing Barney Dreyfuss to Fore in Baseball World.

For fourteen years Samuel W. Leever, a fine, large, attractive salary from the Pittsburgh Baseball Association, for fourteen long years Samuel W. gave the Pittsburgh management the best that was in him.

Records show that Sam gave quality, not quantity. He could not conscientiously pass as the "iron" man of the team, nor did he. Mr. Leever is a modest chap, never assuming or presuming anything that was or is not part and parcel of him.

S. W. Leever began life, or rather his working life, as a school teacher. Many Indiana school "mamas" have become famous in song, poetry and history. History also tells us of a few Hoosier schoolmasters who have won fame by divers and sundry paths, but Leever blazed his way to fame, glory and much cash by and through the baseball route.

While teaching the young ideas how to shoot, Sam was steadily refining how to shoot a baseball so that it would travel in buzzing and tortuous paths plateward.

At the ripe and robust age of twenty-five, Sam Leever signed his first contract to pitch professional baseball for Richmond, Va., then a member of the Atlantic League.

His "debut" was a perfect success. The Lancaster team, managed by Charles I. McKee, was the victim. Leever held it in the hollow of his hand, and eating out of it. It was perfectly helpless and hapless before his scholastic shots and benders.

Three weak and wavering singles, no runs and not a pitching error was charged up against him, a fine record to stack up in his initial game. His first year was a pronounced success. Of the thirty-six complete games he hurled, one-half were of a phenomenal order; ten of them were under four hits.

In 1898 Leever started out with Richmond. His work was fine, away above the average in that circuit, in fact, it was so fine that many "big" league managers had their weather eye on this sedate young pedagogue, who could hurl a ball in such a dextrous manner.

The Pittsburgh Nationals landed the prize. They knew not well their fielder, they knew not what a gem they drew.

Was Club's Best Asset.

Pitchers of Leever's stamp are a club's best asset, an asset that adds class, stability and respectability to any line-up, club or organization. Leever has been to Pittsburgh what Nichols and Young were to Boston, what Mathewson is to New York and what all of our great and famous hurlers of the past have been to their respective teams.

Of the eighteen games that Leever pitched for Richmond in 1898, as lost but three, was as steady as the proverb.

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DR. HILLSMAN IS  
AFTER M'D. HART

Says Season Should Not Be Prematurely Closed, as Game Is Pientiful.

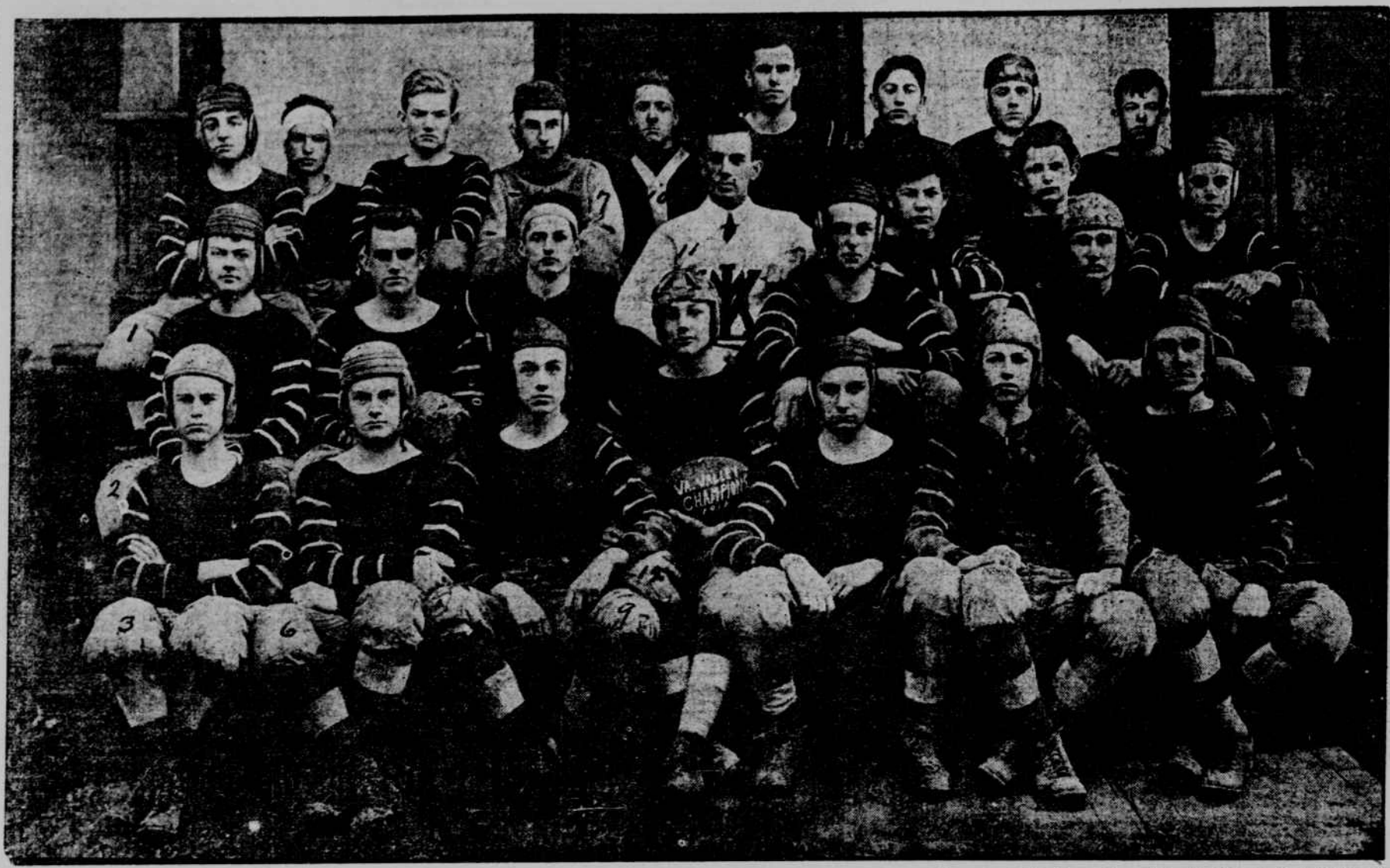
Sporting Editor, The Times-Dispatch.

Sir,—As a member of the Virginia Game Protective Association, I wish to raise my voice in protest against the effort of M'D. Hart to have the game season in all the counties of the State closed. Sportsmen throughout the State are very much provoked at the stand of Mr. Hart, taken without the consent of the association, of which I am sure he is an officer. There is not any great scarcity of game, as Mr. Hart would make believe, but the weather has been so mild that the birds are still in the swamps. Mr. Hart of all men is the last to listen to in regard to game protection. Mr. Hart has had the month of November to hunt in, and in the territories he has infested there is doubtless a scarcity of game; for let it be known by all the sportsmen of the State, that the gentleman raising this howl uses a twelve-bore, full open, automatic gun to slaughter quail with. The majority of true sportsmen are now using the twenty-bore gun, making the bag come down to about fifteen birds daily, and, besides, the birds shot at are humanely killed, and are not wounded, so that the game is not allowed to suffer in any way.

In conclusion, let me say that there is not an alarming scarcity of birds, and breaking up of the covers by killing some off does good, because it is known that birds do not pair off in the spring when the covers are allowed to remain intact. As to turkeys, they are very plentiful this season than I ever saw them before. When Mr. Hart throws his automatic away and uses his influence to have the Legislature pass a bill prohibiting their use, he can expect the support of the sportsmen, not before.

B. L. HILLSMAN.

Shenandoah Valley Academy Football Eleven



1. Welmer; 2. Baker; 3. Faulkner; 4. Smith; 5. Perry; 6. Eyster; 7. Kirbach; 8. Hildreth; 9. Hightman; 10. Headley; 11. Bentley, coach; 12. Bunting, W., captain; 13. Outten; 14. Weaver, E.; 15. Shepherd; 16. Lemley; 17. Corawell; 18. Weaver, R.; 19. Jones; 20. Hildreth, E.; 21. Bunting, L.; 22. Marshall; 23. Pendleton; 24. List; 25. Brown.

T. J. LYNCH SURE  
TO BE NEXT MAN  
FOR PRESIDENT

Success in Fogel Case Insures Re-Election—Bresnahan's Case Is to Be Heard.

New York, December 7.—Haseball "fans" here are expecting interesting developments when the annual meeting of the National League convenes Monday. Headed by Jas. Gaffney, owner of the Boston team, some of the managers arrived here to-day, and informal conferences in preparation for the matters to be taken up at Monday's meeting were begun. Of these the most important is the election of a president, and while several names have been mentioned for the position, the general talk is that Thomas J. Lynch, who successfully led the fight to force Horace Fogel, the Philadelphia president, out of the league, will be re-elected without much opposition.

Another matter to be taken up is the case of Roger Bresnahan, who was discharged from the position of manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, after serving one year, and who claims that under a five-year contract he is entitled to \$10,000 at \$2,000 a year, and 10 per cent of the profits of last year's earnings, from Mrs. Britton, owner of the club. Bresnahan is coming to New York, it is said, to contest the case, and it is stated that Mrs. Britton will have a lawyer on hand also.

Another matter that may come up is that of the controversy between Garry Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati Reds, and Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago team, over the transfer of Joe Tinker from the Cubs to the Reds. According to a story from Chicago, Herrmann has "something up his sleeve," which will induce Murphy to release the famous shortstop.

EARLY CLOSING  
OF GAME SEASON

Shortage of Birds Causes Supervisors to Take Advantage of State Laws.

The "open" hunting season for wild game in the Virginia will not remain open for the season of the year, as the supervisors of the game laws, in view of the premature closing of the season, have decided to close the season at an early date.

As the State laws provide severe punishment for violations of the game laws, it will be best for all hunters to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the rulings made by the supervisors of the counties in which they propose hunting before setting on any traps or snares to quest of game.

It is thought that with the seasons in the various counties shortening appreciably this year, that next season will see an increase in game sufficient to permit hunting throughout the entire time as allowed by the State laws.

FOGEL GETS MORE  
TIME FOR WORK

Will Try to Reorganize Phillies. If Not, Syndicate Ready to Buy.

Philadelphia, Penn., December 7.—The Philadelphia National League Baseball Club will be completely reorganized before December 15. This announcement was made officially to-night by Fogel, who has charge of the reorganization.

Starting to-morrow, Horace S. Fogel, former president of the club, will advertise stock in the club for sale to Philadelphia fans at \$100 per share. If by December 5 Fogel has not completed the reorganization of the club, a syndicate of Philadelphia bankers, headed by H. D. Balfour, and in which Governor Tener is interested, will purchase the club for \$1,000,000, \$485,000 of which amount will pay for the franchise.

The Balfour-Tener syndicate holds an option on the club. For the brief space of an hour to-day there was a rumor afloat here that the Balfour-Tener syndicate had bought the Phillies for a million, but it was later disproved when Fogel announced his reorganization plans.

Mr. Balfour denied that the syndicate had bought the club, as did Fogel and A. D. Wiler, new president of the Phillies.

Although the actual sale of the club did not take place to-day, Robert A. Balfour and other Philadelphiaans may purchase it. The outcome of the deal hinges upon the success of the reorganization plans of Mr. Fogel and his company.

Fogel is planning to organize a million-dollar corporation, modeled after the lines of the United States Steel Company. One thousand shares will be placed on sale at \$100 per share. Advertisements will be inserted in the newspapers outlining the plan. According to a story from Chicago, Herrmann has "something up his sleeve," which will induce Murphy to release the famous shortstop.

The Balfour syndicate, meanwhile, will await the reorganization efforts of Mr. Fogel. If he does not succeed, Mr. Balfour has first option to purchase. He has offered \$1,000,000 for the franchise and park.

DEEP RUN DOGS LEAD MERRY  
HUNTERS OVER SPORTY COURSE  
YESTERDAY.

The Deep Run hounds met yesterday afternoon at "The Vindict" on Broad Street. The course was a very attractive one, laying through the following farms: Luck's, Smith's, Buie's and Williams'. The first cut was in Luck's and the second was in Woodland, and led from there through Adams' fields, the Country Club, the distance being about five miles. Huntsmen had out seven and a half couples of American hounds, which were very fast.

Those riding were W. O. Young, M. F. R. Bon Cole, H. C. Boneste Jr., whip, on Robt. H. Sydnor, on Her George, William Iron Prince, Mrs. W. O. Young, on Alexander, E. G. Harris on Leesburg Boy, Miss Girtle Campbell, on Lady; William Bower, on Duke, and Huntsman Thornton, on Quake.

MANY ARE RUMORS  
ABOUT AMERICAN  
LEAGUE MEETING

Everything and Everybody May Be Traded if Talk Heard May Be Believed.

Chicago, December 7.—When the American League assembles in annual session Tuesday one of two things will result—the meeting will be the liveliest in baseball since the "war days" or it will last just long enough for the club owners to vote approval of the suggestions and send the annual report of President Ban Johnson.

Men close to the league predict both, depending upon their humor. The atmosphere is as full of trade talk as it is of soot, but to run down anything definite would tax the resources of a real detective agency.

It will not surprise many if the league takes drastic action to strengthen the New York Yankees, even to the extent of transferring Hugh Jennings there and sending "Wild Bill" Donovan to Detroit as Hughes's successor.

This deal was forecast before Donovan was released by Detroit to secure some managerial experience in the International League, and although denied then, has bubbled up serenely. The American League money barons feel keenly that New York is the base-ball Golconda, and do not intend to let it go.

Another rumor is that Sam Crawford, Detroit's slugger right fielder, will draw his salary from Comiskey next season. Who will be traded for "Wahoo" Williams, has not been mentioned, but if Chicago can get the Kansas Thumper, Sam will move.

The release of Ping Bodie by the White Sox will be officially announced, but the rumor is that he will return to the minors.

Although denied by Manager Stahl, (Continued on Third Page.)

O'Connor's Suit Against  
Hedges to Go on Trial

Another chapter soon will be written in the "Made-in-St.-Louis drama," "Baseball and the Law," according to Attorney Horace E. Dyer, who represents Jack O'Connor in his fight to collect on an unexpired one-year contract as manager of the Browns.

The O'Connor case probably will be heard early in January, and will be interesting, inasmuch as it promises to be the first civil suit tried in baseball since the war days of 1902. All other disagreements over canceled contracts have been settled out of court, but O'Connor proposes to fight his case in the civil courts.

O'Connor was deposited following the LaSalle batting episode in the fall of 1910. That Jack was not responsible for the batting travesty, however, was indicated by the clean bill of health which he received from Ben Johnson, since then O'Connor has declined to settle with Colonel Hedges.

"Shoot the five thou. or nothing," Jack told Attorney Dyer.

BRISTOL FANS  
WELL PLEASED

Welcome Middlesboro in Appalachian League—Poulios Now After Walt Evans.

Bristol, Va., December 7.—It is now settled that Middlesboro, Ky., will have a team in the Appalachian Baseball League during the 1913 season. Recently the directors of the league were invited to vote upon the question by mail of granting the Asheville, N. C., association a release from the league and substituting Middlesboro. The proposition carried by a vote of 5 to 0. Accordingly, the franchise of the Asheville team has been transferred to Middlesboro. Some weeks ago the Asheville organization asked to be released, its purpose being to enter the Carolina association.

Middlesboro is regarded as one of the best baseball towns in the country. The only difference in the spirit of its promoters and the promoters of the other teams in the Appalachian League is that Middlesboro is accustomed to Sunday playing, while the custom has been foreign to the Appalachian League, and would be rebelled against by probably a large majority of the patrons of the game in the towns represented.

While the Carolina papers have made various excuses for the desire of the Asheville organization to get out of the league, one of which was that the league was not fast enough to suit Asheville, it is observed that the Asheville team was each season towards the bottom of the list when pennant awarding time rolled around.

The fans in Bristol, which has had the best paying grounds in the league, seem well pleased with the idea of accepting Middlesboro into the league.

Jim Poulios, the Greek wrestler, who threw Joe Turner, middleweight champion, here on Thanksgiving night, is now coaching for a bout with Walt Evans, the Southern champion. His promoter has written and wired Evans at Knoxville, but has received no reply. Poulios seems inclined to the belief that Evans is not very anxious for a match, after seeing what he did to Turner. Poulios says he is willing to meet Evans, either in Bristol or in Knoxville, and that he is anxious to receive an acceptance of his challenge.

CARTMELL QUIET  
ABOUT THE JOB

Does Not Deny That He's in Line for Murphy's Post at Penn.

Chapel Hill, N. C., December 7.—Nat Cartmell, Carolina's athletic director, returned from Philadelphia this afternoon after a week's visit to his old coaching grounds. He seemed to be in a very good mood, and he was in line for Murphy's job, but an element of uncertainty hangs about the proposition. Cartmell is under a two years' contract with Carolina, with the option to renew.

TRINITY HOPES  
TO MAKE RECORD  
IN BASKETBALL

Prospects Bright for Best Quint in History of College—Hard Schedule.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., December 7.—Varsity basketball at Trinity begins next Tuesday.

As the 1912-13 season draws nearer and nearer, the basketball team is rapidly working itself into a powerful fighting and smooth-running machine. This is not all, for the team will be composed of some of the coolest-headed men ever seen on the local floor. By the time the first game is played Tuesday night with the Durham Y. M. C. A. Coach Ebelon, himself an old Trinity star player, will place on the floor one of the best rounded teams that has ever represented this college on the basketball platform.

The great value of coaching, a thing which a Trinity team has hitherto seen very little of, is already visible to those who have been watching the team during its daily practices.

Another great factor which will work toward the success of this team, is the fact that no one has his place clinched, and that every member of (Continued on Second Page.)

VALLEY ACADEMY  
HAS BEST ELEVEN

Shenandoah Institution Wins Championship, Losing Only One Contest in Eight Played.

Winchester, Va., December 7.—The Shenandoah Valley Academy football team is the championship team of the Valley for this season.

Though there is no other means of determining this except from comparative scores, there is no other team that can claim it. Shenandoah Valley Academy defeated both of the teams near Winchester which she played—Randolph-Macon Academy by 23-0 and Massanutten Academy by 24-0.

The Shenandoah cadets have played eight games and won seven of the lot. Randolph-Macon Academy, Eastern High School of Washington, St. James School, Ball High School (last year champions of Eastern Maryland), Winchester High School, and Massanutten Academy were all defeated by decisive scores.

The team averaged about 141 pounds, stripped weight.

RICHMOND WANTS  
MORE FOOTBALL

Enthusiasts Feel That State Institutions Should Play Here.

VANDERBILT IS CONTEST SOUGHT

Big Game of South Would Draw Tremendous Crowds Here.

V. M. I., V. P. I. and Washington and Lee Urged to Stage Battles on Local Gridiron.

BY GUS MALBERT.  
Richmond wants more real football games.

Counting Richmond as the first city of the State, and knowing that Richmond does support football, football of the better sort—the demand does not seem unreasonable. Last season, for some reason unknown, Richmond saw but one of the leading colleges of the State in action—University of Virginia. Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Virginia Military Institute, Washington and Lee University severely let Richmond alone, and Richmond resents it.

We are rather proud of ourselves in Richmond; proud of what we have achieved; proud of the growth of the city; proud of the many institutions in the State, toward which Richmond contributes a not inconsiderable portion, and we feel that these same institutions owe something to the capital of the State. It is highly probable that the alumni of each of these institutions in Richmond outnumber the alumni at any other given point; just another reason why Richmond should be considered.

In a very few days the newly elected managers will be at work arranging schedules for next season, and it is because of this that we are dwelling upon the subject in hand now. There can be no good reason why Washington and Lee, V. P. I., V. M. I. or the University of Virginia should not play at least one game each here. The accommodations in Richmond outnumber the alumni at any other given point; just another reason why Richmond should be considered.

Faculty Interests.

That the faculty allows but a certain number of days for the teams to leave college, we know. But that in arranging the out-of-town games the management could think seriously of Richmond, the money which could be made here, not to mention the anxious alumni, it would give us cause to wonder. It is not merely that Richmond is entitled to consideration; it is good business for the teams.

The one big game in this immediate vicinity next season, aside from Georgetown-Virginia and the annual Thanksgiving affair with Carolina, is the Virginia-Vanderbilt game. This has been arranged for Charlottesville.

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ADVOCATE JUST  
ONE BIG CONTEST

Conference at University Reaches Conclusion That Only Rivals Play Best Game.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Charlottesville, Va., December 7.—There was held at the University of Virginia this week a conference of representatives from four State universities of the South for the purpose of endeavoring to bring before the public the true educational value of athletics.

The representatives present were Professor Baker, from the University of South Carolina; Professor Royner, from the University of North Carolina; Professor Morris, from the University of Georgia, and Dr. William A. Lambeth, for the University of Virginia.

Plans for emphasizing the educational side of athletics were discussed, and it was decided to draw up resolutions bearing on the subject. Dr. Lambeth was appointed to draw up these resolutions, and will soon have them in form for the press.

At the conference it was explained that only athletic contests between teams who are real rivals can be either of absorbing interest to the public or of educational value to the players, and that real rivalry in intercollegiate athletics is impossible unless the teams competing represent institutions of similar standing and similar purpose.

It is only when the competing teams are real rivals that they can play their game and fight hardest to win.

Therefore, it was said, the athletic schedule of a college should be arranged with a view to having at least one game at the end of the season with the college's actual rival, and all the contests prior to this should be in preparation for it. That is the condition with the large Eastern universities. For instance, Harvard's chief object is to win from Yale, and her schedule is arranged with this in mind. But in the South athletic schedules are very different. It would seem that it is the object of Southern colleges to win from every college, and that the early games are lost a big if one is raised. Every game must be won or the season is unsuccessful.